



Federal Ministry  
of Agriculture, Food  
and Regional Identity



# EAAP

## 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

of the European Federation of Animal Science

„Shaping resilient livestock systems  
is key to circular agriculture”

SEPTEMBER  
07–11, 2026

CCH – Congress Center  
HAMBURG

[www.eaap2026.org](http://www.eaap2026.org)

# INVITATION

On behalf of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Regional Identity (BMLEH), the German Society for Animal Production (DGfZ) and the German Organizing Committee, we are very pleased to warmly invite you to the **77<sup>th</sup> meeting of the European Federation of Animal Science (EAAP)**, which will take place from **7 to 11 September 2026** in the lively and historic city of **Hamburg**. Under the general theme "Shaping resilient livestock systems is key to circular agriculture", we would like to discuss innovative approaches and solutions for sustainable and resilient livestock systems. Knowledge-based innovations in the livestock sector are a key to develop resilient and circular agricultural systems that ensure and improve the challenges of food security, animal health, climate change and contribute to the sustainable development goals.

Not only from Europe, but from all over the world, top-class scientists from various disciplines come together at the EAAP Annual Meetings to exchange ideas, present their latest research findings in 12 Study Commissions and make new contacts from science and industry. No other conference in the world offers such a scientific exchange and excellent platform in this specialized field as the EAAP conferences. We look forward to welcome around 2,000 participants from over 55 nations to Hamburg.

Hamburg – the "Pearl of the North" – offers an inspiring setting for the conference with its unique blend of historical architecture and modern flair. The city, characterized by its location on the river Elbe, is a cultural jewel. The Speicherstadt, Hamburg City Hall, the Miniatur Wunderland and over 2,500 town bridges invite you to discover them.

Germany is an important agricultural country in Europe, and animal husbandry plays a central part in this. The diversity of German agriculture is matched by the diversity of Germany's culinary delights. The enormous range of different styles of bread and its beer culture with a variety of beers are internationally known and highly appreciated. Not to forget the popular German wines.

The conference will be complemented by various social events. Look forward to an unforgettable German Evening during Hamburg Harbour Night-set aboard a ship in one of Europe's largest seaports, featuring hearty regional fare and a truly authentic maritime atmosphere.

But also get to know the beauty of Northern Germany. The Technical Tours offer you plenty of opportunities to do so. Or you may be interested in visiting the Hamburg Wadden Sea National Park, which has been an UNESCO biosphere reserve since 1992 and part of the Wadden Sea World Heritage Site since 2011.

We hope you feel inspired and will be able to attend this important conference and join us in shaping the future of animal husbandry and agriculture.

#### Dieter Goertz

Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Regional Identity (BMLEH)

#### Hans-Willi Warder

President of the German Society for Animal Production (DGfZ)

#### Dr. Christian Lambertz

Chairman of German Organizing Committee

# INFORMATION AT A GLANCE

## ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION

Meeting website: [www.eaap2026.org](http://www.eaap2026.org)

Local organizer: Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Regional Identity together with German Society for Animal Production e.V. (DGfZ)

## MEETING VENUE

CCH – Congress Center Hamburg  
Congressplatz 1 | D- 20355 Hamburg

## HOW TO REGISTER

All registrations must be made using the online registration system at [www.eaap2026.org](http://www.eaap2026.org).

The 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting registration details will be announced on the website by the end of 2025..

## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Information and guidelines: [www.eaap2026.org](http://www.eaap2026.org).

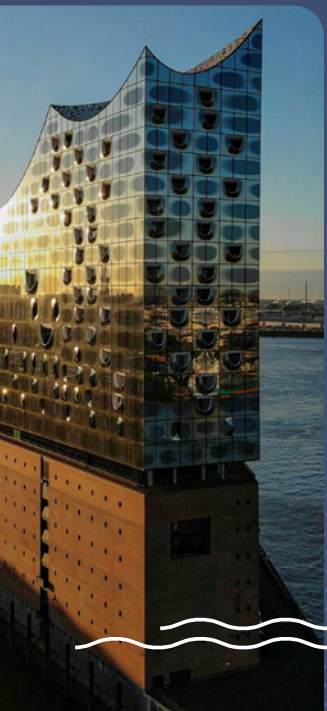
Authors of papers are required to submit the title and abstract of their presentations using the online application OMEGA.

## ACCOMMODATION

A list with rooms that have been pre-booked in different category hotels in the vicinity of the Congress Center Hamburg will be available on [www.eaap2026.org](http://www.eaap2026.org).

## CONGRESS SECRETARIAT

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Meeting website



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- Commission on Animal Genetics
- Commission on Animal Nutrition
- Commission on Health and Welfare
- Commission on Animal Physiology
- Commission on Livestock Farming Systems
- Commission on Cattle Production
- Commission on Sheep and Goat Production
- Commission on Pig Production
- Commission on Horse Production
- Commission on Poultry Production
- Commission on Insects
- Commission on Precision Livestock Farming







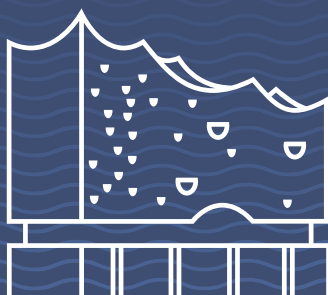
# WELCOME TO GERMANY

<b>Capital:</b>	Berlin
<b>Surface area:</b>	357,592 km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Population:</b>	83.6 million
<b>Currency:</b>	Euro (€)
<b>Geography:</b>	Germany is located in the temperate climate zone between the North Sea and Baltic Sea in the north and Lake Constance and the Alps in the south.
<b>Time Zone:</b>	GMT+2 hour (summertime)



Germany invites you to an interesting visit. It is a fascinating country full of diversity, with impressive culture, rich history and breathtaking landscapes. Whether you explore the picturesque cities such as Hamburg, Bremen, Rostock, Dresden, Leipzig, Berlin, Cologne/Bonn or Munich, known for their architecture, museums and lively atmosphere, or visit the idyllic regions such as Holstein Switzerland, the North Sea, Mecklenburg Lake District and Saxon Switzerland, the Bavarian Alps or the Black Forest region – Germany offers activities for everyone.

The country is also a centre for innovation, science and business, making it an ideal location for a conference. You can not only make valuable contacts here, but also enjoy German hospitality and culinary delights. Discover Germany's culinary diversity and specialties during your stay in Hamburg.



# AGRICULTURE IN GERMANY

Germany, the land of engineering and industry, has always remained a country with a highly developed and important agricultural sector. Despite being densely populated, half of the country's land is used for agriculture. Around one million people in approximately 270,000 agricultural businesses produce goods with a value of around 50 billion euros per year.

Germany is one of the four largest agricultural producers in the European Union. More than 50 percent of agricultural land, grassland and cropland is used to produce animal feed for over 200 million farm animals. In addition to animal products, agriculture mainly supplies bread grain, potatoes, sugar beet, oilseeds, fruit and vegetables for human consumption. There is also farmland for the production of bioenergy and organic raw materials. Farm sizes range from small to very large, depending on the region, meaning that farmers' requirements vary significantly. The most important farm animals in Germany include cattle, pigs, poultry, and sheep. In 2024, there were 10.5 million cattle, including nearly 3.7 million dairy cows, 21.3 million pigs, and 1.5 million sheep in Germany. The poultry population is 167 million animals. Of these, around 99 million were poultry for fattening, including turkeys and ducks, and the rest were laying hens.

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## RESEARCH LOCATION GERMANY

Several research centres and companies working on future-oriented solutions are developing new technologies to make agriculture even more environmentally friendly and efficient. There are more than 30 research locations in Germany, that deal with various aspects of agricultural science and veterinary medicine. The most important of these are universities, federal research institutes, Leibniz Institutes and other research facilities. These institutions contribute to gaining scientific knowledge and developing decision-making instruments for policy and practice.







More information  
about Hamburg



# HAMBURG

## – FREE HANSEATIC CITY –

With over 1,9 million inhabitants, the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg is the second largest city in Germany and the third largest in the German-speaking world. Located in the north of Germany, Hamburg is a city defined by water. Numerous canals and waterways criss-cross Hamburg, creating an image that exudes a certain Hanseatic calm.

In the immediate vicinity of Hamburg, you will find both the North Sea and the Baltic Sea. All the components that make up northern Germany can be found here: vast landscapes, wind and water. Also nearby is the capital Berlin, which can be reached by train in less than two hours.

The Port of Hamburg is one of the largest transshipment ports in the world and, together with the international airport, makes Hamburg an important logistics location. Economically and scientifically, the metropolis is particularly important in the fields of aerospace technology, life sciences and information technology as well as for the consumer goods industry and as a media location.

For many people Hamburg is a metropolis with a high quality of life and many exciting contrasts that make the city unique. In Hamburg, tradition meets modernity, classic meets pop culture and Hanseatic serenity meets cosmopolitan charm. Year after year numerous tourists discover the world-famous musicals, the impressive HafenCity district, the futuristic Elbphilharmonie concert building, the Miniature Wonderland and much more. There is an enormous variety of opportunities for leisure time: stylish bars, cozy pubs, top-of-the-line restaurants, luxury shopping districts and iconic sites like the world-famous Reeperbahn offer inexhaustible resources for entertainment and after-work activities. Work hard, then celebrate – all in the middle of the city!

<https://www.hamburg-convention.com/en/>

## HAMBURG AT A GLANCE

<b>History:</b>	The name-giving Hammaburg was built in the 8 <sup>th</sup> century and first mentioned in the year of 834.
<b>Population:</b>	1.9 million inhabitants
<b>Particularities:</b>	Speicherstadt, which has been officially listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2015, world-famous musicals, impressive HafenCity district, the futuristic Elbphilharmonie concert building, the Miniature Wonderland, Hamburg's town hall (since 1897).

# CCH

## – CONGRESS CENTER HAMBURG –

### Multifunctional and highly flexible

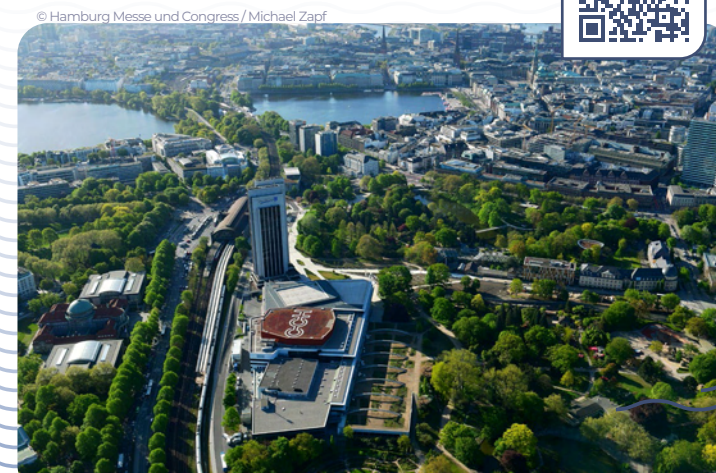
The modernized and upgraded CCH – Congress Center Hamburg is unique. As one of Europe's most advanced and largest convention centres with 36,000 square meters of available space, it breaks the mold. The number „12,000“ has an almost magical significance: 12,000 square meters of event space, another 12,000 square meters of foyer space, and a total number of 12,000 visitors, who can attend events at the CCH simultaneously. The complex can provide up to 50 multifunctional halls for conventions and events. The CCH is therefore an excellent venue for the 77th Annual Meeting of the EAAP.

It is surrounded by Planten un Blomen, one of the most popular green areas in the city, known for its beautiful gardens, fountains, and open spaces, where people of all ages enjoy spending leisure time.

The Dammtor mainline train station (with access to high-speed and commuter trains) is just a few steps away. Even the city's airport is located no more than 25 minutes away and well connected to the public transportation network. And, last but not least, more than 100 hotels of all categories with a total of roughly 3,500 rooms can be found nearby.

<https://www.cch.de/en/venue/the-cch>

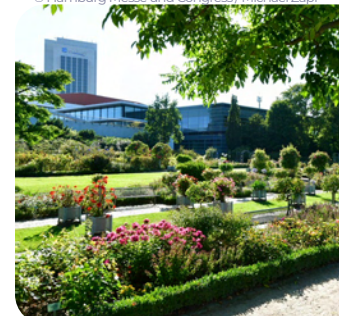
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# ABSTRACT SUBMISSION INFO



All authors wishing to present papers at EAAP 2026 are required to submit the title and abstract of their presentation using the online application form. Information can be found, in due time, on the website <https://eaap2026.org/abstracts-information/>



**The deadline for abstract submission is March 1st 2026.**

Presentations will be accepted as theatres (oral) or as posters.

If you cannot find a suitable session for the abstract, please submit to the free communications.

Please note, that each author can present a maximum of 2 submitted abstracts.

Authors will be informed before end of April 2026, whether their abstracts have been accepted for presentation during the conference.

EAAP will publish the Abstract Book for the 2026 EAAP Annual Meeting.



# SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

The full scientific program of EAAP 2026 with session titles and timetables will be available closer to the event on [www.eaap2026.org](http://www.eaap2026.org) and [www.eaap.org](http://www.eaap.org).

The general theme will focus on Shaping resilient livestock systems is key to circular agriculture.

## SUNDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER

- 08:30–18:30** Workshop “Writing and presenting scientific papers”
- 12:00–19:00** Registration of participants

## MONDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER

- 08:30–12:30** Study commission session
- 14:00–18:00** Study commission session
- 18:30–22:00** Welcome reception and award ceremony

## TUESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER

- 08:30–12:30** Plenary session
- 13:30–15:00** Poster session (Part I)
- 15:00–18:00** Study commission session
- 19:00–01:00** German evening

## WEDNESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER

- 08:30–12:30** Study commission session
- 13:00–15:30** General assembly
- 13:30–15:00** Poster session (Part II)
- 15:00–18:00** Study commission session

## THURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER

- 08:30–12:30** Study commission session
- 14:00–18:00** Study commission session
- 20:00–00:00** Farewell dinner

## FRIDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER

- 08:00–18:00** Technical Tours







# SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Every year EAAP offers up to 20 scholarships to young scientists to support their participation in the annual meeting. Young scientists are selected for the quality of the research paper they submit for the meeting. The 2026 winners will receive 800 € to cover the registration for the 2026 meeting in Hamburg (Germany) and part of the travel expenses.

Only applicants born after September 1st 1988, and nationals of an EAAP member country – or, if from other countries, are EAAP individual members – can apply for a grant to attend the EAAP Annual Meeting. Applicants who have previously obtained a scholarship cannot reapply within 3 years.

Please remember, that the individual membership is mandatory to obtain the Scholarship!

For individual membership see <https://members.eaap.org/apply/> or please contact [eleonora@eaap.org](mailto:eleonora@eaap.org).

The information about how to get the Scholarship will be available in due time, on the website <https://eaap2026.org>.

## EAAP YOUNG SCIENTISTS AWARD

EAAP will grant to early career researchers the “EAAP Young Scientists Award”. All scientists who are born after September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1988, can participate.

The candidates should be EAAP individual members and should have demonstrated outstanding research performance with the European dimension and perspective. The awardee will receive a plate in Hamburg and will be invited to present a paper at the following Annual Meeting in Dublin (Ireland) together with a free registration.

For more information, please visit <https://eaap.org/awards/eaap-young-scientist-awards/young-scientists-nominations>

Nominations can be submitted from January 2026, deadline 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2026.

All submissions must arrive to [eleonora@eaap.org](mailto:eleonora@eaap.org).

More information



# TECHNICAL TOURS

On Friday, September 11th, 1-day Technical Tours will be offered. The tours will be focused on breeding and production of dairy and beef cattle, horses, small ruminants, and insects.

More detailed information will be available on [www.eaap2026.org](http://www.eaap2026.org).



# ACCOMMODATION

Rooms at special EAAP 2026 rates will be pre-booked in several hotels. The meeting venue is within easy walking distance from all affiliated hotels.

Therefore, delegates are asked to book their accommodation through the EAAP 2026 website [www.eaap2026.org](http://www.eaap2026.org). Hamburg is a popular city. We highly recommend, that you book your accommodation well in advance.

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## HOW TO GET TO THE VENUE

The CCH – Congress Center Hamburg is conveniently located in the city centre. The Dammtor mainline train station and several other stations and stops of the public transportation system are within a distance of 100 to 500 meters.

The most convenient airports are Hamburg (HAM), Hannover (HAJ) and Frankfurt (FRA).

From the airports you can use a variety of ICE trains to the Hamburg-Dammtor station. You can easily and efficiently get from Hamburg Airport (HAM) to Hamburg-Dammtor station by taking the S-Bahn line S1, which costs around €5–8.

Detailed information on all means of transportation to reach CCH is available from <https://www.cch.de/en/visit/arrival>

More information  
on transportation



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## USEFUL INFORMATION

### PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Hamburg has one of Germany's most efficient and scenic public transport systems – perfect for locals and visitors alike! It's run by the Hamburger Verkehrsverbund (HVV) and includes:

#### U-Bahn (Underground):

4 lines (U1–U4) crisscross the city, ideal for quick urban travel

#### S-Bahn (Suburban trains):

Connects central Hamburg with outer districts and nearby towns

#### Metro buses:

Frequent and fast, covering most neighbourhoods

#### Night buses (Nachtbus):

Run after midnight when trains pause

#### Express & sprinter buses:

Fewer stops, faster routes

#### Tickets & Passes

Single ticket: ~ €3.60 for zones A+B

Day pass: ~ €6.90, unlimited travel for one day

Group day pass: ~ €12.90 for up to 5 people

Hamburg CARD: Includes unlimited transport  
+ discounts on attractions

Please find more information at: <https://www.hvv.de/en>





# ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

## OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language at the EAAP Annual Meeting is English. No translation will be provided.

## PASSPORT AND VISA

Entry formalities for Germany vary according to the country of origin. Nationals of European Union (EU) and the European Economic Area (EEA), as well as third-country nationals holding a residence permit of a Schengen State, don't need a visa to enter Germany. All non-EU citizens are asked to contact their local embassies for specific requirements.

## OFFICIAL INVITATION AND CERTIFICATION

An official invitation letter will be sent upon request to assist in meeting administrative requirements. However, this invitation implies no obligations, financial or otherwise, by the EAAP Organizing Committee.

A certificate of attendance will be available for all delegates.

## CONFERENCE APP

An EAAP 2026 App will be available to all registered delegates before the conference. It will contain comprehensive information about the conference, program and abstracts.

## LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

The Organizing Committee cannot accept liability for personal accidents or loss or damage to private property of participants and companions. Participants are advised to acquire their own personal travel and health insurance for their trip.

## TIME ZONE

The summer time Zone in Germany is CET – UTC +2 hour.

## HEALTH AND EMERGENCY

In case of emergency, landline or mobile phone users can call 112 (Ambulance) or 110 (Police) to be connected to the relevant department.

## CURRENCY AND MONEY EXCHANGE

The monetary unit of Germany is Euro. Currency can be exchanged at the airport or at bank offices. All major credit cards (MasterCard, Visa and American Express) are accepted by most hotels, restaurants and shops.

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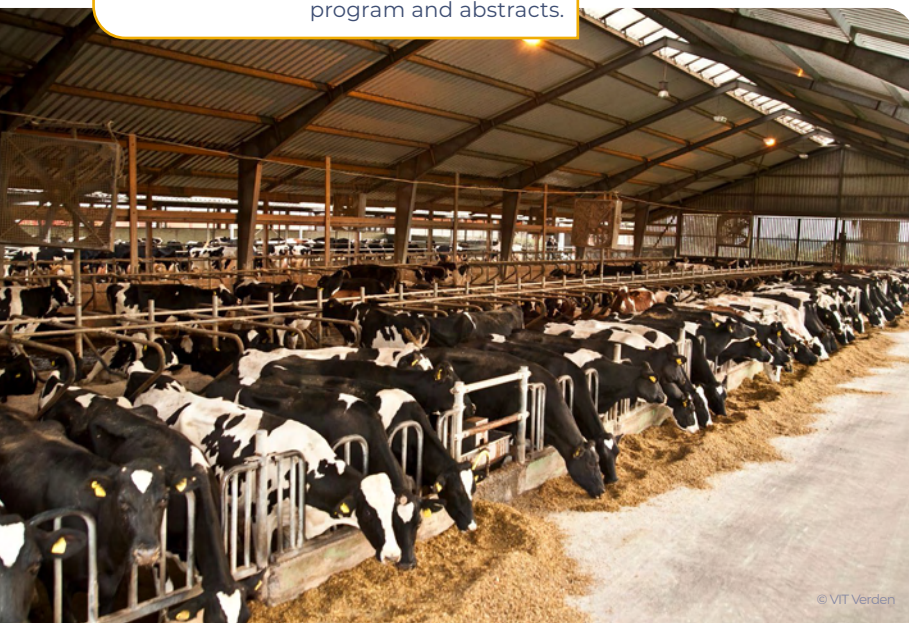


## ELECTRICAL SUPPLY

Electricity is supplied at 220-230 volt A/C, 50 Hz. Outlets are of the two-round-pin type.

## CLIMATE

The weather in Hamburg in September is usually pleasant and sunny, but an umbrella and a warm pullover might come in handy. The average daytime temperature is 18-20°C, while the night-time temperature is 10-11°C.



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## YOUNG EAAP

Young EAAP is a group of young scientists organized under the EAAP umbrella. It aims to create a platform where scientists during their early career get the opportunity to meet and share their experiences, expectations and aspirations. This is done through activities at the Annual EAAP Meetings and social media. The large constituency and diversity of the EAAP member countries, commissions and delegates create a very important platform to stay up-to-date, close the gap between our training and the future employer expectations, while fine-tuning our skills and providing young scientists applied and industry-relevant research ideas.

### Young EAAP Board:

- **Ines Adriaens**  
President
- **Jana Obsteter**  
Vice President
- **Giulia Gislón**  
Secretary

### WHO CAN BE A MEMBER OF YOUNG EAAP?

All individual members of EAAP can join the Young EAAP, if they are under 38 years.

Feel free to check out the EAAP Young Club and see what it has to offer.

Just request your membership form ([Info@eaap-youngclub.org](mailto:Info@eaap-youngclub.org)) and become member of this network!

More information



## EAAP INDUSTRY MEMBERS CLUB



EAAP started in 2023 a new initiative to create closer connections between European livestock industries and the animal science network. Therefore, the "EAAP Industry Club" was shaped with the specific aim of bringing together the important industries of the livestock sector with our European Federation of Animal Sciences.

All companies dealing with animal production (nutrition, genetic, applied technologies, etc.) are invited to join the "EAAP Industry Club", because industries will have the opportunity to increase their visibility, to be actively involved in European animal science activities, and to receive news and services necessary to industries. In addition, through the Club, industries will enlarge their scientific network and will receive specific discounts on sponsoring activities.

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Annual Meeting in Hamburg provides a unique opportunity for all sectors to demonstrate their commitment to improving and organising animal production through scientific research, application and collaboration. Early support ensures high visibility through advertising campaigns and web presence. As a sponsor, you can prominently display your name, brands and company before, during and after the conference, strengthening relationships and demonstrating your commitment to best practices in animal science. Participation connects your organisation with the global EAAP community and joint initiatives.

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